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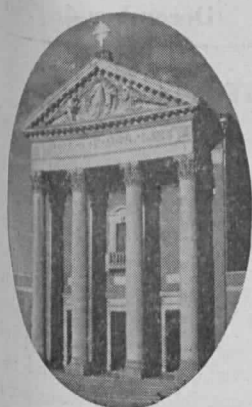
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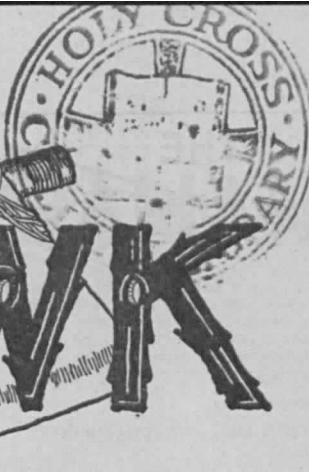
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## UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY AWAITS STUDENTS JOINING NAVAL ROTC

Fellows in 17-25 Age Group Can Qualify;  
Four-Year Education Open to Applicants

APPLY FOR BLANKS  
AT R.O.T.C. OFFICE  
IN LIBRARY BLDG.

By JIM DONAHOE

"Millions for defense but not one cent for tribute." This time-honored piece of advice was given with regard to the Barbary pirates who plundered our ships in the early 19th Century. It was forgotten for over one hundred years, but the recent war brought out the need for its fulfillment, and on a grander scale than was ever dreamed of in years past. Today our government, through the medium of the Army and Navy, has improved on this advice so that it now reads "Billions for defense . . .", and we have an example of the work being accomplished in the ROTC Unit here on the Hill. Of course the primary purpose of the ROTC is to provide the Navy with trained officers in case of emergency, but in the process it offers to anyone who qualifies an education conservatively valued at \$5,000.

To be eligible a man must be an unmarried male citizen of the United States who will be 17 years of age before July 1st of the calendar year of enrollment, and who will not be more than 25 years of age on July 1st of the calendar year in which he is eligible for his commission. The fact that an applicant is already in college makes no difference whatsoever. Regardless of how much college work he has completed, the applicant

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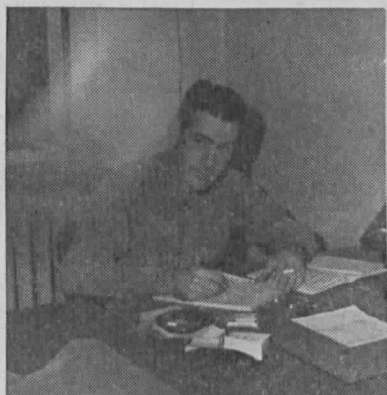
## Somerset Dance Great Success

Alumni's Friday Night Smoker Adds Greatly To Terrific Weekend

Last weekend, lest anyone forget, our valiant Crusaders downed the poor Bee Cees once again but to put it mildly that game was only part of the great weekend that Holy Cross men enjoyed in fair Beantown. True, everything was based upon that little session with the Eagles at Braves Field on Saturday afternoon but the weekend really began on Friday evening when the Boston Alumni held a little smoking session at the Harvard Club.

There were about fifty Cross students present and let me tell you there was no one there to smoke the peace pipe. An excellent evening's entertainment was arranged by the committee and featured such prominent speakers as Rev. Fr. Finn, President of the Alumni Association; Maurice J. Tobin, Governor of Massachusetts; George Curley '41, who represented

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LT. COL. W. G. MULLER, USMC

## LT. COL. MULLER EXEC. OFFICER

Marine Corps Officer Works with NROTC

When the Navy reinstated its peacetime NROTC program in 52 colleges throughout the country in September, it placed increased emphasis on the training of students for service in the Marine Corps. Accordingly it added to campus staffs Marine officers and noncoms to aid in this training. Among the Marines assigned for duty on Mt. St. James is Lt. Col. William G. Muller, USMC, executive officer of the H. C. Navy Unit. In an interview granted The TOMAHAWK recently we obtained some interesting facts in the very interesting career of Colonel Muller as a Marine officer.

Graduating from Illinois in 1939, Lt. Col. Muller received a commission on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Since then, in his 7½ years of duty he has seen service in practically every part of the world. When World War II broke out and the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor on that memorable day in December,

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## JOHNNY BOTHWELL SIGNED FOR BIG PATCHER DANCE

After weeks of preparation, plans for the coming Purple Patcher Ball have been completed. During the past week, Johnny Bothwell agreed to bring his eighteen piece orchestra (plus girl vocalist) to Worcester Auditorium on Jan. 11. This orchestra has just completed engagements at the 400 Club in New York and at Virginia Beach. For those who are not acquainted with the band, a recording by them will shortly be placed in the juke box in the cafeteria.

Tickets for the Ball will go on sale this week. You can get yours early by contacting one of the following committeemen:

Jack Reynolds, Carlin 229; Dick Fisher, Carlin 123; Joe McAfee, Carlin 323; Bill Long, Carlin 213; Dick Monahan, Dayhops.

## Purple Debaters Eye City Trophy

Harrington, Sweeney Talk Way to Close Win Over Clark University

Starting on a quest for a third consecutive victory in the Worcester Debate Tournament, and retirement of the trophy, Holy Cross squeezed by Clark University on a close two to one decision Monday night in the B.J.F. room.

H. C. Negative

The B.J.F. speakers, Ed Harrington and Bill Sweeney, took the negative side of the question, and survived a brilliant rebuttal by Clark speaker Bill Shannon to come out on top.

Wednesday night, there will be no meeting of the B.J.F. as an intercollegiate team goes into action. Jim Fee, chairman of Monday's debate, and Tom Sullivan, the victor team over St. Peter's in Jersey, will take on Worcester Tech in the second H.C. Tourney start. Down in Boston next week Sweeney, Layden and Dickie will match talents with a Harvard team which traditionally provides a tough debate.

Bill Sweeney, chairman of arrangements for the Tourney, has announced that three debates remained,

### MEETING POSTPONED

There will be no meeting of the B.J.F. this week because of the two intercollegiate debates being held away. An announcement will be made in next week's paper about the coming meeting. All members who have been mentioned for the Worcester Tourney are asked to contact Bill Sweeney, chairman of B.J.F. plans for that series.

## TRAPP SINGERS HERE NEXT WED.

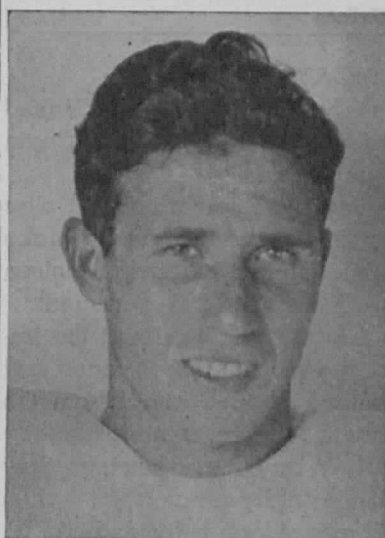
H. C. Labor Institute Brings Family Group

The Trapp Family Singers, directed by Dr. F. Wasner, will appear at the Worcester Memorial Auditorium one week from today, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, sponsored by the Holy Cross Institute of Industrial Relations.

Unique in this form of musical organization, the Trapp Family is particularly noted for their choral work of Bach, and the classics of Beethoven, Haydn, Schubert, and Brahms. They have in the past been invaluable in their instructions to family groups and in organizing similar community singing activities.

Tickets range from \$1.20 to \$3.00 and there are over 3500 reserved seats available. Tickets are on sale now for the performance on Dec. 11 at 8:00 P.M. Get yours early.

## Holy Cross Completely Outplays Favored Rival In Final Game



WALTER SHERIDAN

## SHERIDAN WINS O'MELIA AWARD

Annual H.C.-B.C. Game Trophy to H.C. Punter

By JACK McNALLY

The 1946 version of the annual Holy Cross-Boston College football classic marked the second anniversary of the Capt. Edward J. O'Melia Trophy, an award which promises to become one more colorful aspect in the tradition-steeped contest each year.

"Little" Walter Sheridan took this year's honors while leading the Crusaders to an outstanding victory which might have been termed an up-

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## PLACEMENT BUREAU OFFERS JOBS WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC

Seniors who will graduate in January are reminded to visit the placement office immediately and arrange appointments for complete interviews.

The placement office is prepared to recommend these students to prospective employers and make appointments with them during the Christmas holidays.

The General Electric Company will visit the college on Wednesday, December 18, to interview seniors who graduate in January. The General Electric Co. offers a very attractive starting salary and will train qualified men for administrative positions in the organization. Initial assignments are in the accounting and financial departments at Schenectady, N. Y., and Bridgeport, Conn., where practical accounting is learned through work in the field.

The opportunities are not limited to

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## LINE DEFENSE WAS OUTSTANDING; BACK-FIELD POWERFUL

By MIKE GERAGHTY

The Holy Cross power-packing Purple, behind a savagely charging line and an equally powerful back-field, rose to magnificent heights Saturday on Braves Field to outclass completely a Boston College eleven that was a 13 point favorite, 13-6. Upwards of 43,000 shrieking onlookers watched with avid interest as the Crusader eleven out-ran, out-passed, out-defended and ultimately out-scored the hapless Bee Cees. The Bostonian forward wall proved to be the "Achilles Heel" of the homesters defense and Cregar and Co. slashed through to toss repeatedly the B.C. backfielders for large losses. Big Bill was ably assisted "up front" by Jim Rielly, Fran Parker, John DiGangi, Jim Deffley, Walt Roberts and Tom Costello all of whom played a tremendous part in H.C.'s victory.

Sheridan Shines

After a scoreless first period Al Cannava broke the scoring ice with

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## Day Hops Ready For Xmas Dance

Gala Nite Planned at Sheraton Jan. 3; Band Led by Geo. Johnson

The Annual Christmas Ball run by the Worcester Club will sparkle forth again this year as one of the big events during the Christmas vacation for Holy Cross students of Worcester and Worcester county and especially for those ex-servicemen who, during the Yuletide season of recent years, were fighting all over the world. Dancing is from nine to one in the main ball-room of the Hotel Sheraton with maestro "George" Johnson and his fifteen piece orchestra. Most of the fellows will be glad to hear that the dress for the evening is semi-formal. Co-chairmen Henry C. Donnelly and John J. Leary, Jr., have announced their executive committee which consists of, Walter P. Barlow, John F. Barry, Joseph F. Driscoll, John M. Kilcoyne, John L. McCarthy, Joseph W. McDonough, John J. Moriarty, Joseph E. O'Connor, John Vincent Swan, William R. Sweeney, Henry J. Tordiglione and Thomas M. Whalen. Tickets may be purchased from any one of these men. Remember, get your tickets early so that you won't miss out at the last minute, as everyone will be there.

Remember Jan. 3.



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## WHY THE DELAY?

Last Monday the United States brought before the United Nations Organization a resolution that a "sans-Franco" Spain be invited to join that august organization.

Russia officially declared the United States disarmament plan "interesting", and one of the many U.N. committees can't make up its mind whether New York, Philadelphia, or San Francisco is the best for the permanent site of the World Government.

But what precisely, we wonder, are they doing about the important topics. When will the "cat-and-mouse game" cease and honest progress be made. They have hopped about from the question of the veto to disarmament to Spain without actually settling anything. Are there possibly any more herrings they can drag across the trail? Or will we finally reach a time when the really important matters will be faced and decided?

The United Nations Organization is failing in its purpose by its eternal procrastinating. What is the reason behind this betrayal of its avowed purpose? We believe that only logical reason for this failure is the lack of faith shown since the embryonic stages of the infant U.N. It seems as if the San "Fiasco" Conference, instead of being a temporary disagreement, has set the theme for every conference since. It looks to a painful degree as if "blocks" are arising within the organization itself, so that once again we are heading for "power politics".

If then, a lack of faith is the disease that threatens the Organization the obvious cure is a repair in the breach of confidence among the nations. Can this be effected? That remains to be seen. However it must be effected if we are to have an effective U.N.; it must be effected if we are to escape international discord; it **MUST** be accomplished else we irrevocably face another World War.

## LATE WITH THE CHECKS

A common complaint on Pakachoag Hill these winter days is: "Where are the checks?" Since the start of the semester the veterans have been waiting fruitlessly for the money the Government has promised them. Every morning, after watching in vain at the empty P. O. box one hears a voice as from the depths hoarsely whisper, "Tomorrow it'll surely come". With Shakespeare we cry out "Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow" as the slipshod incompetence of the government's Veteran Administration becomes every day more blatantly apparent.

The Veteran has one of two choices open to him, the first of which is ruled out (namely starvation) and the other is to live on credit. This latter in reality is the only possible way and it seems to us a grossly unfair expectation.

Does the G.I. legislation mean that the veteran is to receive every few months a lump sum to pay debts necessary expenses have forced upon him? We think not. Does it mean then that this Government "red-tape beurocracy" is to pay the specified amounts if, as, and when it can see its way clear to do so? We hope not! It means, according to the wording of the law itself that the veteran is to receive a certain amount Per Month.

Last Monday morning a woman employee of the V. A. in New Jersey committed suicide. While no reason for her action was given, and we cannot condone this crime morally, we can easily see her purpose, and we do hope that her crusade may not (as we fear it might) be in vain.

## Journalism as a Profession

By RICHARD A. REID, '18, K.S.G.

No. 10 in a Series

As author of our article on "Journalism as a Profession", The TOMAHAWK is proud to present Richard A. Reid, '18, K.S.G., Editor of the Catholic News of New York. Dick Reid is the most bemedaled, most honorary-degreed among our Alumni, yet equally could he qualify as the most modest, most unselfish, and most loyal. He first attained national prominence as the gifted editor of the Bulletin of the Catholic Layman's Association of Georgia. Twice he was President of the Catholic Press Association. In 1936 Notre Dame awarded him the Laetare Medal. In October 1946, he received the James L. Hoey Medal of Interracial Justice. Alma Mater graced him with the Master of Arts degree in 1922; in 1938 she lauded him with the Doctorate of Literature. The Holy Father has made this faithful servant of Church and State a Knight of Saint Gregory. Still, truly a prince of good fellows, Dick Reid goes on unflinchingly, doing his work for others in the spirit of the Prince of Peace. Gratefully we introduce this exemplar of Catholic action to our students. "Go, thou, and do likewise."

Edmund Burke called the members of the press the Fourth and perhaps the most powerful Estate. Their influence in the pioneer days of the Republic is indicated by the fact that in the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in the Bill of Rights, when the Founding Fathers guaranteed freedom of worship, freedom of speech and freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances, they also guaranteed the freedom of the press.

The first step of dictators down the road they map toward totalitarianism is the muzzling of the press, even as they attempt to suppress freedom of speech and liberty of conscience. Thomas Jefferson said that, given his choice between free institutions and a free press, he would choose a free press, for without a free press, free institutions would languish and die, but with a free press, free institutions could be wrested from any tyrant or group of tyrants, however powerful.

Compared with the press of today, that of Jefferson's era was ineffectual indeed. Even weekly newspapers were few. Now it is a rare home, except in isolated areas, which is not reached by one or more dailies. The press has expanded and multiplied to such an extent that it is one of the mightiest of industries. No effort of any kind is attempted without as much attention to its publicity and press as to any other phase of its plans. Every society of any size has its publication, every business of importance its house organ, every political division and sub-division, every profession, every trade, its journal.

In the four most recent national elections, the presidential candidate, opposed editorially by most of the newspapers, was elected. This may indicate that the editorial page has lost some of its effectiveness, but the manner in which President Roosevelt and each and every department of his administration cultivated the press, demonstrates that he never believed it indicated that the influence of the press as a whole had diminished in any way. The newspapers gave something approximating equal treatment and display to the news and views of both major candidates and their supporters. Most of the columnists were partial to the Democratic candidate. Most of the working newspapermen supported him, and that did not injure his cause.

When the members of my class of 1918 were in grammar school, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., was universally regarded as the personification of all the evils of predatory wealth, an ogre with which to scare unruly youngsters. When we were young alumni, he had become in the public mind a benevolent old gentleman, giving out shiny dimes to little children when he was not planning princely benefactions for the general welfare. An able public relations counsel, working through the channels of the press, was responsible for this transformation of public opinion. Most Americans have for years believed that Franco is the personification of totalitarianism, while accepting Stalin and his satellites as little less than consecrated leaders in a great experiment in democracy; again the press is responsible. The all but boundless support given to such movements as the Red Cross, Community Chests and the UNRRA is due more to the influence of the press than to any other factor; to the press, however, must be also attributed the increasing acceptance of birth control, divorce, salaciousness.

For good or ill, therefore, there is no force in the United States more effective than the press. It is a field which should have a particular appeal to Holy Cross alumni, for it has dire need of the qualities of mind and heart which are characteristic of men of Holy Cross. Unfortunately for the press and for the nation, our representation in it is only a fraction of what we have a right to expect it to be.

The press of the United States is the best in the world typographically. It is the freest, the frankest, the most interesting, the most instructive, the most entertaining, the most enterprising, the most prosperous. But it is the object of more criticism than nearly any other Amer-

ican institution. Religious leaders assert that it ignores the meaning and purpose of life. Educators accuse it of distortion of history, economics, science, law and other subjects directly connected with the news it presents. Law enforcement officers complain of the sensationalism and salaciousness of a segment of the press, which they say encourage crime. Public officials assert that thoughtless newspapermen menace domestic tranquillity and international peace by their irresponsibility. Obviously no Holy Cross man in the field of journalism, faithful to the principles implanted in his soul on Mt. St. James, would be subject to any of these criticisms.

The first requirement of a journalist is character, truthfulness. A newspaperman who is not truthful is like a soldier without courage. He may have the clarity of a Paul Mallon, the ubiquity of a Winchell, the urbanity of an H. I. Phillips, the vigor of a Pegler, the frankness of a Sokolsky, the experience of a Mark Sullivan, the contacts of an Arthur Krock or a Drew Pearson and the dictation of a Simon Cronsky, but unless he has merited a reputation for honesty he is "as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal."

Character, therefore, is fundamental. But it alone cannot make a successful journalist. It will insure his honesty, but it will not guarantee his competency. He needs an informed mind, one illuminated by familiarity with the major facts in the principal fields of knowledge. The more universal and the more profound his information, the better reporter and the better editor he is. But he must have more than information; he should have a discerning, a logical mind. Even a cub reporter is required to exercise judgment, to determine what are the important facts in a story.

The vital importance, therefore, of newspapermen of character who are soundly educated, trained in logic, conscious of the fact that the institutions of this Republic are a heritage of Christian civilization, is patent. To say that no graduates of any college meet these requirements better than alumni of Holy Cross may seem trite to undergraduates; alumni who have had years of experience in the world are able to assure them that it is profoundly true.

Thirty years ago, editors of New England newspapers came to Holy Cross to talk to us about journalism as a profession. They told us that they had enough applications from college graduates willing to work for nothing, merely for the experience, to staff their publications for years. But some college men of those days refused to be discouraged; they persisted in their efforts to break into the field. They are the editors of today.

The current situation is similar to the one when we were leaving college. A large army was being disbanded after a great war. But conditions have changed for the better. Salaries and working conditions have improved. There are fewer newspapers today — Worcester itself has one less — but staffs are much larger. Opportunities in the news services and syndicates have multiplied.

The best preparation for a newspaper career, in my opinion, is post-graduate work in a school of journalism like that of Marquette or Columbia. Many publishers and editors, however, prefer reporters with practical experience; most successful newspapermen started on small dailies or on weeklies, where they secured a general experience impossible on a large publication. The small publication is the most frequent channel to the sea of metropolitan journalism.

Time marches on; a generation from now, today's publishers, editors, sub-editors, columnists, correspondents and reporters will in larger measure be succeeded by a new group of journalists. For the sake of journalism and for the sake of the nation and civilization, I ardently hope and pray that a majority of them will be Holy Cross men and others kindred to them in character and in training of mind and heart.

Journalism is a strenuous and an exacting profession, but any worth-while business or profession is strenuous and exciting. Salaries are more adequate than they have ever been; working conditions, affording leisure for the self-improvement essential to advancement, have improved immensely. There are few if any professions where individual merit, industry and initiative are as efficacious in securing recognition and promotion. Most of today's editors were yesterday's reporters. Many newspapermen graduate to posts of importance in kindred fields, especially in the relatively new one of public relations counsel. There are probably more former newspapermen, major executives in business than former members of any other profession. But the newspapers — and everything we have said of the newspaper is true also of the magazines — need all the right type of men they can get. There is no secular profession in which the individual is more important or more influential for better or for worse. It is one which every Holy Cross man who has not already decided on his life work should consider carefully and prayerfully.



## NROTC Unit Open For Candidates

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is eligible to receive four additional years of college at the government's expense. This additional education would put many students through graduate school. Upon completion of this training the applicant would be commissioned in the regular Navy and required to serve a maximum of two years on active duty. At the end of the two years the officer can return to inactive duty, and is then eligible for two more years of college or university training in his chosen field.

In applying for the program, an applicant must take the following steps: first he should have a preliminary physical examination by his local physician to determine if he has any organic defects which would prove disqualifying. Then he can obtain an application blank from the ROTC office in the Library, fill it out and send it to the Naval Examining Section, College Entrance Examination Board, Post Office Box 709, Princeton, New Jersey, not later than December 17, 1946.

On January 18th a nation-wide aptitude test will be administered locally to all candidates for enrollment. Information will be provided individual candidates as to where to appear for the competitive examinations. By February 15th eligible candidates will be certified to fill quotas established for each state. Interviews and physical examinations will be accomplished prior to April 19, 1947. Final selection of candidates by State Selection Committees to fill quotas for each state and territory will be completed by April 26.

Colonel Muller, the Executive Officer of the NROTC Unit, has announced that there are five vacancies for contract students, beginning in the spring term of 1947. A contract student is one who, at his own expense or on the G.I. Bill, goes through college and takes the Naval Science courses required by ROTC schedule. Upon graduation he receives his commission in the Naval Reserve and is put on inactive duty.

## Lt. Col. Muller Executive Officer

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1941, Colonel Muller was right in the thick of it. He was on board the U.S.S. Oklahoma when it went down, but managed to escape through a port hole forty feet beneath the surface of the water one hour after the ship had gone down. Later he participated in the battles of Midway, Tulagi, and Guadalcanal.

It was while on Guadalcanal that the forty foot artillery observation tower on which he was standing was shot away by a Jap Zero. Hospitalized for over a year following this incident at the Naval Hospital in San Francisco, he returned to the Pacific theatre as an observer on Iwo Jima and later fought on Okinawa. Then he spent another year in the hospital suffering from wounds incurred in his last campaign.

One of the three Lieutenant Colonels on NROTC duty in the country, he is happily married and makes his home in San Francisco. He terms his duty at Holy Cross as "very, very desirable and most interesting". To Colonel Muller The TOMAHAWK expresses the hope that his stay here with us will be a long and pleasant one.



The Holy Cross Band as they prepared to pep up the Temple rally before heading down to Philadelphia to cheer the Crusaders on to a decisive victory over the Owls of Temple.

## PLANS MADE TO MARK DEC. 8

### Sodality Sponsors Triduum of Masses

As the titular feast of our Sodality, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, occurs on a Sunday, proper recognition of that day is left to the individual Sodalists' sense of honor and devotion. However, as Father Foran, addressing the Sodalists at their Monday meetings, said, the occasion will be adequately observed and marked by the inception, under Our Lady's leadership, of three important projects.

First, the Sodalists are privileged in having an excellent opportunity to carry out their slogan, "To Jesus through Mary," in the activities concerning the enrollment of the student body in the League of the Sacred Heart, and the Apostleship of Prayer. This committee is under the chairmanship of Joe Shea, and will begin its work very soon.

Also in the next few days, the Sodalists of Holy Cross will again join with the Sodalists of the United States in the offering of a triduum of Masses and Communions for the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII.

Finally, one of the most significant activities of the year, the Help the Poor Crusade, under John Murray, will shortly begin. This year, their efforts will be directed towards Europe, especially European Jesuit communities and schools, which are greatly in need of clothing, and so forth.

### ATTENTION — ATTENTION

ALL members of the Knights of Columbus both new and old . . . There will be a special meeting next Sunday night, December 8, in Room 55, Carlin, at 7:30 P. M. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. Installation of the men elected will take place on the following evening prior to a conferring of the First Degree on the new members. It is imperative that ALL members be present for the election. Arrange to return from your week-end in time for this meeting.

## PLACEMENT

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accounting majors, for as the General Electric Co. has told us, "While men who have studied accounting may be in a better position to discover their aptitude in accounting a review of tests made by the company shows that liberal arts men advance as rapidly as business administration graduates.

Interested candidates must apply immediately for the General Electric application forms which may be had at the placement office.

The placement office has a number of opportunities for summer work as camp counselors. The salary for the two month period ranges between \$75 to \$300 depending on experience, particular abilities and other factors; apply immediately at the placement office so that appointments may be made with camp directors during the Christmas holidays.

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## Debating Team In Heavy Season

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with State Teachers, a tentative member of the inter-city series dropping out. The tourney will be decided by the Christmas vacation.

### Winter Activity

Current plans fall for a slight stoppage in intercollegiate debating during January, with renewed emphasis on forensics during the traditionally heavy debating season of February, March and April. The B.J.F. officers are attempting to line up many of the teams that have made New Eng-

land debating superior in the past, and look forward to ending the year on a note of complete reconversion. Already, seven debates have taken place, and with five more scheduled for December and one for January, the B.J.F. should hit a new intercollegiate high.

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## Intramural Champions



Backfield, left to right: John Callahan, Ray Carey, Monk Daley, Burt Dolan. Line: Charles McDermott, Ed Lynch, Phil Murphy, Bob McChesney, Dave Monahan, Mike Kerwin, Jim Connolly.

## INTRAMURALITES

By JACK PICKETT

Victors in this year's race for the Intramural Football Championship Crown are the mighty Beaven IIIA "Beavers". The squad, ably captained by Dave Monahan, played hard, clean ball to slip into their league championship and to finally topple the high-riding Carlin IIB club to cop the championship. For completing such a successful season, this team will be awarded the Intramural Keys.

Lanky Charley McDermott snagged a major portion of the team's passes to roll up many points as he operated from his left-end slot. At left tackle smashing Mike Kerwin teamed up with rocking Bob McChesney to break up opponent's plays. Much to

the opposition's chagrin, bruising John Linehan and Phil Murphy also shattered hopes of victory by crashing through to tag many blocked passers. Flanking the other end of the line Jim Connolly also proved his worth on both the offense and defense.

The cultured fingers of one Ray Carey paced this club to victory. Alternating with Ray Daley, another very fine passer, this man tossed passes galore to the outstretched hands of Ends McDermott and Connolly, and Back Bert Dolan. Paving the way for many fast-clicking running plays blocking back Johnny Callahan and Dave Monahan filled out the "Beavers" backfield.

The Beaven squad amassed 140 points, while they ceded but a meager 18 to their opponents. The all-veteran team was definitely well coached and captained, ranking among the best in Holy Cross Intramural Football history.

## SHERIDAN GETS TROPHY AWARD

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set by the bewildered Boston College die-hards, but certainly was no surprise to loyal Purple rooters who have been waiting for the Cross' potential dynamite to explode all season. Sheridan is the second Crusader to win the award, succeeding Jim Dieckelman.

It was Wally Sheridan who set the fuse to the dynamite when he pitched a bullet pass into Tom Costello's outstretched arms to send the Crusaders roaring back into the ball game and subsequently on to a brilliant victory with Sheridan again looping a scoring aerial, later in the game, this time to end Leo Troy. Wally was not content with pitching two scoring passes and setting up the first touchdown by his beautiful run either for many spectators claim that the most impressive part of his brilliant performance last Saturday afternoon was his superb punting which kept B.C. in their own back yard throughout the entire contest.

As far as the O'Melia Trophy goes, Wally can well be proud to be chosen for this award. Capt. Eddie O'Melia is fast becoming a legendary character on Mt. St. James. He is remembered by all his contemporaries as the essence of everything a true Holy Cross man, a true Crusader, should be.

Ed entered the Cross in 1934 and for three years struggled to gain recognition among a host of great Holy Cross ends. Finally in his senior year,

he gained the coveted regular berth by his unflagging determination and enthusiasm. Given a chance to prove himself, Eddy became one of the greatest Holy Cross ends to wear the Purple. Dr. Eddy Anderson said of him that he was one of the greatest ends it had ever been his pleasure to coach.

Nor was it only on the gridiron that Ed O'Melia excelled. He was respected for his conduct in the classroom, on the campus and in every phase of his daily life.

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## Harvard Is First Net Foe Dec. 10

Starting Lineup Looms Same as Last Year's Successful Quintet

By LOU BUTTELL

With almost two months of continuous practice under their belts, the Crusader hoopsters of Alvin "Doggie" Julian, are putting the finishing touches on their set shots and passes in preparation for the opening contest against Harvard on December 10. When the Purple takes the Boston Garden court against the Cantabs, it is likely that the same five men who led Holy Cross to 12 victories in 15 games a year ago, will be in the starting positions. This season, though, due to the influx of several highly-rated former lettermen and frosh performers, the lineup of Joe Mullaney and Ken Haggerty guards; George Kaftan and Dermie O'Connell forwards; and Charley Bollinger center, will have the frequent experienced relief which was missed so much in the tail end of the '45-'46 campaign.

During the recent practice sessions, which included a three hour Thanksgiving scrimmage with St. John's in New York, a number of the new names on the Purple roster showed to good advantage, considerably lessening Coach Julian's worry on the replacement situation. Freshman Bob Cousy and Bob McMullen impressed favorably throughout the pre-season drills, with the rangy Cousy demonstrating amazing shooting versatility. Frank Offtring seems a sure bet to see a lot of center action during the season, as do Bert Dolan and Bob Curran, returned lettermen, at the guard and forward spots respectively.

Harvard, which was the New England representative in the NCAA tournament last year, losing only one regular season game, to Holy Cross, will miss its spectacular star Wyndol Gray, now playing with the Boston Celtics. The Crimson does, however, have the bulk of its tournament team personnel back in harness and should prove a tough foe for the Crusaders, in the opening tilt for both clubs.

After the Harvard encounter, the Purple courtmen will have two December dates in Boston before embarking on their Christmas western trip which opens in Toledo on the 28th.

## HEISMAN AWARD DUE THIS MONTH FOR TOP INDIVIDUAL PLAYER

In 1935 the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City, Inc., one of the world's largest Clubs and occupying an entire thirty-six story building in lower Manhattan, decided to award a trophy to the outstanding college football player in the United States.

Consequently, Frank Eliscu, a well-known New York sculptor was commissioned to create a bronze figure of a football player which when properly enshrined would become the permanent possession of the winner each year.

Various methods of balloting to elect the winner were considered, but finally the committee agreed that the sportswriters and broadcasters would be the only impartial and qualified electors. These men are in a position to see the players in action and scan press reports. More than 750 equally chosen from all sections of the United States, now act as electors.

The bronze was cast and first won by Jay Berwanger of the University of Chicago in 1935.

## FONTANA MADE TWO LINE SPOTS

Boys' High Grad Fills Guard, Tackle Slots

By PETE FLYNN

One of the major assets to the pulverizing Holy Cross line this season was John Fontana, rugged 210 pound Crusader left guard. He has seen action in nearly every game this year and, as we are all well aware, John has performed brilliantly.

John hails from Brooklyn, N. Y. There he was born exactly twenty years and one week ago. After his elementary schooling, John matriculated at Boys High in Brooklyn to indulge in higher fields of learning. When football practice rolled around, it was not long before the coach took notice of his exceptional ability as a stout lineman. As a result, John saw action at the left guard position on the varsity squad from his freshman year on. His crushing tackles and adeptness at blocking on the gridiron made him a desirous object of many collegiate coaches.

Upon graduation from high school, John chose Holy Cross for his college career and enrolled here in September of 1944. To be sure, he was on the regular pigskin eleven, playing at the left tackle post. His stay at the Cross was shortlived, however, for Uncle Sammy desired John's capabilities for a much more salient task. John elected to serve in the Navy, and after his basic training at Sampson, he boarded a carrier for one and a half years of sea duty.

After he doffed the bell-bottom trousers, John returned to Pakachoag to complete his collegiate schooling. On the gridiron, as we all know, he has been converted from his former tackle spot to the left guard slot. As was mentioned, Coach "Ox" DaGrosa has utilized John considerably and all you rabid football fans are well familiar with his stellar line-play.

### GAMES IN BOSTON

Arrangements for the transportation of students to Holy Cross games in Boston have been completed. Those interested should see Frank Dooley in 331 Alumni, or Ray Ball in 116 Beaven.

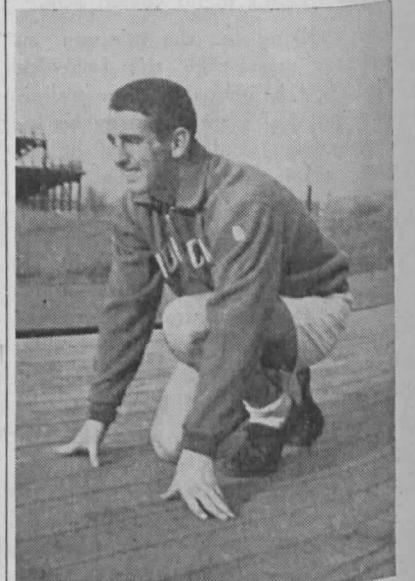
## O'LEARY TRAILS IN AAU CHASE

Purple Harrier 2nd to Black in Nationals

By JOHN CARROLL

Jim O'Leary tried hard but just was not quite able to smash the second place jinx that has held him in its grasp all season as he was the runner-up in the National A.A.U. senior cross-country over New York City's Van Cortlandt Park course last week.

O'Leary trailed Rhode Island State's Bob Black past the finish by



Jim O'Leary

200 yards, as the national junior champion scampered over the six and a quarter mile distance in 32 minutes, 46.4 seconds, while the sole Crusader entry was clocked in 33:26. Charlie Robbins of Norfolk gained third spot, five seconds behind O'Leary.

Following the leaders across the finish were such outstanding harriers as Tom Crane of Springfield College, Curtis Stone of Penn State, the only man to beat Black on the gravel paths this season; defending titleholder Tom Quinn of the N.Y.A.C.; Indiana's Don Lash; Stone's teammate, Horace Ashenfelter; and Joe McCluskey and Bill Hulse, holder of the American mile record for a regular race at 4:06.7. The latter two ran for the N.Y.A.C., which took the team crown.

This makes the second year in a row that the trophy has gone to one of Army's invincibles, the other half of the "touchdown twin" combo, Felix "Doc" Blanchard, having captured the '45 award.

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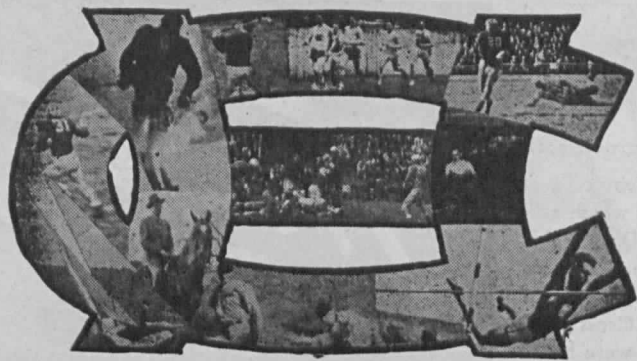
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# Purple



# Sports



## Purple Pennings

By JACK SHEA, Sports Editor

### BACK WITH THE BACON:

Now that the thundering cheers that took the paint off the seats in Braves Field have subsided, and the traffic jam in front of the park has broken up, with the score safely written in the record books, and all good Crusaders back on campus after one of the most hectic weekends in Holy Cross history, we can sit back and make a few comments on the upset of last Saturday.

To say that it was an upset in the strict sense would be faulty. Newspaper talk went to people's heads and gave them the impression that the Purple was a mediocre eleven, which, as we all know, was far from right. Potentially they were great all season, but only showed it in flashes. It took this traditional game to bring out their greatness to the public, and they came through in glorious fashion.

The game was not won by spirit alone, though it was a contributing factor. Nor did brute strength do it. It was a combination of brains, power, the will to win and strategy. It took a cool head to call the right play at the right time, to cross up the Eagles. And Ray Ball did just that. Coach DaGrosa deserves the highest praise for correctly diagnosing the B. C. attack, preparing defenses for it, and evolving a style of play unique to the Crusaders this year. Not being prepared for men in motion, flankers on nearly every play and a variable offensive line, the BeeCee's were befuddled, and quite justifiably. And in the midst of all this confusion, the Cross got two T.D.'s across that last white line. In the last analysis, Boston College was outsmarted as well as outplayed by a truly inspired Holy Cross eleven.

Back in '42 the excuse was that they were too cocky, too sure. This year they offer no excuses; there aren't any, and they themselves are only too willing to admit that fact. They all recognize the fact that the better team won. In fact, the Boston sports-writers, some of whom are quite adept at fabricating excuses, found no basis for explaining the loss other than that already mentioned. It was a well played, hard fought game, and no one left the stands dissatisfied with the brand of ball played. Not to say I told you so, but last week this column carried a few comments on the game, and as fact bore us out, we can lay claim to being one of the few papers in the country that picked the winner.

### NOTE OF INTEREST:

Last week in the mail John DiGangi received a postcard of a mammoth football player, with the notation that this year would be a different story than the '42 episode. The card was signed by Mario Giannelli, left guard on the B.C. line. Somehow or other, Giannelli found out about this card and spoke to DiGangi before the game in the locker room. He mentioned that he didn't send the card and expressed his hope that there would be no hard feelings out there on the field. We mention this little episode for one reason. Though Holy Cross and Boston College are rival schools, the men who play on their teams are sportsmen. As a rule, you'll find that they always play a clean game, no matter what the sport. So we print this item, to show that we too can be sports, in recognizing sportsmanship on the part of our opponents.

### WANDERING AND WONDERING:

No newspaper column would be complete this week without a few words about the Army-Navy game. The three year clean slate of the Cadets was jeopardized for a few minutes down Philadelphia way. This is a prime example of inspiration pushing a team to great heights. There was no comparison between the material on the two squads, so it had to be spirit that brought the Navy within an ace of toppling the mighty West Pointers. On a long range prediction, we might add that it is unlikely that the unblemished record of the Cadets will survive another season.

### WHATTA GAME!!



## Much Ado About Something

By JOHN BECKER

The 13-6 win over Boston College rang down the curtain on the 1946 Holy Cross football season with a happy, harmonious note.

And just think, harmony was the big thing they said was missing up there above O'Kane where the land goes up to meet the sky. Lack of it, they said, would be the cause of our humiliation at the hands of the unhappy Eagles of Meyers, who always lead sports writers to believe such great things of them. Your servant, who would rather be wrong than be a fence hopper, feared for want of it when he left the premises on Wednesday. But when Butch Songin told me Saturday night that "the Cross just had it today", whether he knew it or not, the "it" he referred to was a perfect harmony and accord which made this such a grand team victory and which, if it still exists next September (not November) could help make next year an all winner.

It has been observed that this was a great team victory, but before we place the laurels on the rugged brows which deservedly should be so adorned, let us pause here to hand out a few lesser garlands to the other factions whose oblivious cooperation hastened the hour of our greatest joy. These would be draped over the prone and prostrate forms of the Scribbling gentry of Boston town and their singular pride and joy the Boston College Football Club, Inc. To the writers for persisting in insisting that B.C. was invincible and that they would wreak a terrible vengeance by chasing those poor Crusaders right out of Braves Field and into the Charles, never to be seen again. To poor Bee Cee for swallowing all this

folderol, even before the scribes themselves had to eat it, and thereby reducing themselves to dead meat just begging to be eaten.

Also thanks to these people from Chestnut Hill for getting all decked out in golden and maroon shirts, admitting that they represented and carried the standards of Boston College and then walking out on the same field with our Crusaders. Because only the realization that, as the Ox told his men, this was B.C. on the other side of the field could have fired our guys to such heights.

It is common knowledge that you can lead a horse to water, but if he's not thirsty, he won't touch it. For five weeks DaGrosa led his boys up to the trough, but it was no use. During the Harvard game they began to get a little dry; Brown, Colgate and Temple saw their thirst grow, and by the time they reached Braves Field they were spitting cotton and breathing fire. And so they drank long and deep until they'd had their fill and had rinsed out the bad taste left by the few who would kick them when they were down and the not so few who preferred not to help them to their feet but who now would be-labor their broad backs with a will.

But through the flock of printed dissenters there was one, namely your own mighty little Eight Pager, who stayed close beside the ball team. And for that reason without any pomp or ceremony we can hold up our heads as we tell Billy Cregar and his line and Slim Sheridan and his backs a simple and sincere thank you. You did a very fine thing for yourselves and your school.

## Crusaders Trounce Boston College 13-6

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a scintillating 85-yard gallop of a Walt Sheridan punt to put Boston College ahead 6-0. Soon after the Eagles kicked off, Sheridan, Joe McAfee, and Bob Sullivan combined to bring the pigskin to the Maroon and Gold 24. Here the slender Sheridan dropped back as if to pass, changed his mind, and skirted the B.C. right flank to the 4, being nailed by Ed Songin's last-chance tackle. With the Eagle defense expecting a line smash Ball called for a pass and this paid off as Costello made a nice catch of a low aerial to tie the count at 6 all.

After the rest period the Crusaders, with Sullivan, Kissell and Sheridan carrying, completely dominated the play. Holy Cross, using flanker and man-in-motion plays spread out the B.C. defenses only to have either Kissell or Sullivan plunge through the center of the badly battered Maroon and Gold forward wall for the necessary yards. Kissell, especially, found the going easy as he ripped off nice gains over the floundering tackles.

### Troy Shows Specialty

With the score still knotted at 6 all, and the pigskin resting near mid-field, the Purple unravelled one of its nicest, and trickiest plays. Sullivan took the ball from center, faked a line smash, handed off to Ball, who in turn lateraled to Sheridan. The Crusader tailback heaved the oval high and wide to left end Leo Troy on the one, the Purple wingman leap-and-high to snare the spheroid off Cannava's hand, giving H.C. a 12-6 lead. DeFilippo's placement was good and the Crusaders led, 13-6. Boston College tried to bounce back but in vain as the Crusaders, after a nice run by Kissell, were knocking at the B.C. goal line when the game ended.



## THE MORRIS CHAIR

By MIKE MORRIS

At the game. Thousands of fans turned out for the H.C. - B.C. classic. Standing Room Only and very little of that. The cheering was led by SPIRITED "Smokey" Delaney. In fact quite a few other fans were well WINTERIZED and several carried spare cans of ANTI-FREEZE. Even the exits were LOADED at the end of the contest. After Holy Cross scored their second touchdown some clown waved a B.C. banner in the midst of the H.C. cheering section. Boston College is presumably taking care of the funeral expenses for her loyal fan. Most of the B.C. rooters on the other side of the playing field were just about audible, probably don't read their own editorials (particularly that one about school spirit) STILL in a bad way I suppose. The Band Didn't have far to go to reach high C, they had a head start by virtue of their lofty perch. The music was REALLY just this side of heaven. The goal posts went down almost as fast as the liquor descended down the throat of an alcoholic anonymous sitting near me. The team was fighting mad for the awaited battle, as testified to by Lipka, left end of B.C. when he asked "Pappy" Roberts the appropriate question, "Why are you guys always so mad when you play us?"

At the dance later in le soir Roger the lodger DesRoches nimbly moved about the floor with some cute number who was wearing slacks. John DeeGangee gave the PAID customers a treat by exercising his tonsils, which alone was worth the price of admission according to Fontana. The Lodger secured a violin and fiddled while the orchestra leader burned.

Affable Jim Britt well-known sports

broadcaster gave an excellent talk at the rally last week. During which talk he happened to mention Dave Egan, sports columnist who has been known to "playfully" rib DaGrosa's coaching abilities and the Holy Cross team once or twice. A few boos were heard amongst the cheering at the mention of his name to which Jim Britt cautioned, "Don't be like that men, he had a mother too."

Harry Wismer broadcasting the Army-Navy classic. "Most of the coaches from all over the country are here today. I see Ed McKeever is here today. Oh yes, Blanchard just scored on a long run. Be sharp, look sharp, feel sharp." Army had a close shave, but Wismer shouldn't be so lucky. Well, at least he gave the final score and had to correct it only twice. Whatta Whiz-mer.

LATE BLOOMERS DEPT. Holy Cross had offers to play in three bowls. They couldn't play in the Sugar Bowl however because two of the fellows on the team have sugar diabetes.

HELPFUL HINTS DEPT. Do your Christmas shopping early, but don't attempt to imitate M. Berle's brother who was arrested for doing his Christmas shopping TOO early. He was caught in the store an hour before it opened.

Barbers raise the price of haircuts to a dollar. Still in there clipping the customers.

INTERESTING IF TRUE DEPT. Klu Klux Klan bought up all the sheets from the laundry.

During the game.

B.C. Player: "Who you shovin'?"

H.C. Player: "Dunno, what's your name?"

## BOSTON CLUB

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his father, the Mayor of Boston; Coach Harry Marr, Assistant at Boston College, Coaches DaGrosa, Riopel, Julian, Smith, Trainer Bart Sullivan, and Billy O'Connell, all of Holy Cross and Ed Murphy, Captain of the 1942 Crusaders.

The main tempo and object of the smoker was to set the stage for another upset, and that's just what our boys did the next afternoon.

However, lest some have the horrible thought that the weekend ended

**SLOGAN AND BANNER CONTEST**  
The Slogan and Banner Contest conducted by the Purple Key for the B.C. game was won by Wheeler Hall. Arrangements for a free night to be granted the winners will be made as soon as the occupants of Wheeler have decided upon the night they want. The Key also wishes to express its thanks to O'Kane and Beaven for their excellent displays.

about 4:40 P.M. Saturday they would be mistaken, for that night, at the Hotel Somerset, the Boston Club presented one dance that will be remembered by all for many years to come.

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